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KVHC ANNOUNCES ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Dr. Blagdon to practice in Patten and Houlton.

Dr. Sardina and Eliza Currie, PA-C provide medical services in Millinocket.

KVHC adds pediatrics to Houlton Clinic.

PATTEN, ME – May 10, 2007 -- Katahdin Valley Health Center, with healthcare facilities in Millinocket, Patten, Houlton and Island Falls, announces that Donald G. Blagdon, M.D. will continue to treat patients at its Patten and Houlton medical clinics. Dr. Blagdon's last day to treat patients in Millinocket is Friday, June 1, 2007.

"To better serve our patients, KVHC is making a couple of scheduling adjustments. Beginning Friday, June 8, Dr. Blagdon will treat patients at KVHC's Patten and Houlton medical offices. Joe Sardina, M.D. and Eliza Currie, P.A.-C. will provide patient care at KVHC's Millinocket medical facility," said Durward Humphrey, KVHC executive director.

"Dr. Sardina and physician assistant Eliza Currie are a welcome addition to our Millinocket medical facility to meet the medical needs of our patient population. Patients who wish to continue their care with Dr. Blagdon may schedule their appointments at KVHC's Patten or Houlton clinics," said Humphrey.

“Additionally, we are adding pediatrics to our Houlton medical practice. W. Ray Byers, M.D. now offers pediatric care at KVHC’s Houlton medical clinic at 59 Bangor Street. Dr. Byers has extensive pediatric experience; he joined KVHC in February 2006. He will also continue to serve KVHC patients in Patten.

“Maria Silmarlita Noval, M.D. continues to provide pediatric care at KVHC’s Millinocket Pediatric Center,” said Humphrey.

“I look forward to providing quality care to infants, children and teens in the Houlton area. I have a special interest in the care of children with developmental difficulties and the care of children with asthma,” said Dr. Byers.

“These organizational changes are intended to provide continued excellence in customer service and satisfaction while providing high quality, cost-effective health care to all who need our services. KVHC does not discriminate based on a person’s ability to pay and is committed to providing high quality health care to the insured, uninsured and under-insured community members who may not otherwise have medical services available to them. KVHC offers sliding fee programs, accepts Medicare, MaineCare and other health insurance coverage,” said Humphrey.

Appointments at all KVHC clinics can be made by calling 1-866-366-5842 [toll free].

Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC) is a provider of high quality, cost effective primary health, dental, substance abuse and mental health care to the people in the Greater Katahdin Region. A Federally Qualified Health Center, KVHC is a nonprofit business governed by a board of directors, comprised of area volunteers, funded by a federal grant under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. KVHC employs 60 people at its facilities in Houlton, Island Falls, Millinocket and Patten.

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